

Reservoir Patch Program

Welcome to an exciting patch program designed for you and your entire family! Getting involved in this program means you'll learn about the history, staff, wildlife, and programs of the reservoir you are visiting-and earn a patch and certificate to take home. Sound like fun? It is! This brochure will answer your questions about the program and list the requirements for one age level.

HOW? The program is based on a point system. There are 3 levels of achievement/patches, and each requires a different number of points for completion. The 3 levels are:

Nature's Pal - age 7 and under **(25 points)**
Junior Wildlifer - age 8-11 **(40 points)**
Reservoir Ranger - age 12 and up **(60 points)**

Points are earned by choosing activities in five basic areas. Each area has several activities and you may choose the activities that appeal to you, as long as you earn the required number of points from each area. The number of points required in each area is different in each of the three levels. The five basic areas that you must earn points in are:

1. Why Reservoirs?
2. You and the Environment
3. IDNR and Natural Resources Careers
4. Helping Time
5. Program Attendance

As you complete an activity, the reservoir interpreter will initial this brochure in the correct space. When you have earned all your points, you will receive a patch and certificate showing that you have completed the patch program!

WHEN? Each reservoir that offers the patch program this summer will schedule a time each week for explaining/assisting you with your "patchwork". That time will be for introduction of the program, answering questions, and completing activities. It is NOT a "program" that you can count for points. **Children should be accompanied to all patch program activities by an adult.**

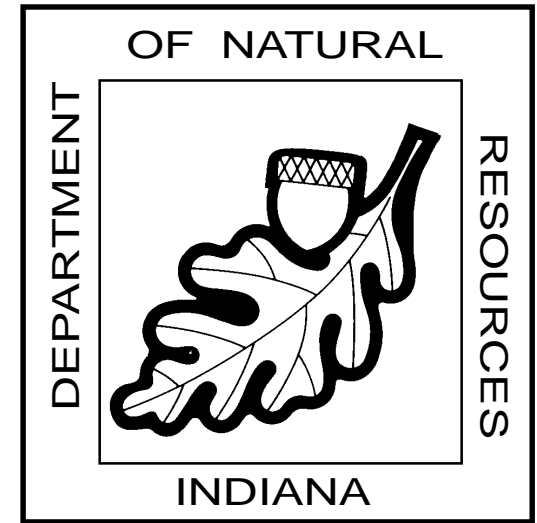
WHERE? Each reservoir that offers the program will post the place where you can meet the interpreter to get started. Check an activity schedule at the reservoir you are visiting for details.

To find out which reservoirs are offering the patch program this summer, call **317-232-4124**.

The program is designed so that you can work on it at any reservoir that is participating. Make sure you keep this brochure as a record of the number of points you have earned!

ADVANCED BAR? If you have earned your patch, but are not old enough to start the next age level, you may work on earning an advanced bar. The Advanced Bar is earned when a participant completes all of the activities in the brochure and has again completed the required points for program attendance and helping time. You do not have to repeat activities, only complete those that were not done the first time.

WHAT ABOUT STATE PARKS' PATCH PROGRAM? If you are working on state parks' patch program, we encourage you to complete it! You may have your card signed for **service time** or **program attendance only** at a reservoir. If you are working on the reservoir patch program and visit a state park, you may have your brochure initialed for **helping time** or **program attendance only**.



Nature's Pal

Patch Requirements

Write Your Name Here

DNR

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of State Parks and Reservoirs
Interpretive Services
402 W. Washington Room W298
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-232-4124

NATURE'S PAL

Welcome to the Nature's Pal Patch Program! You can get your very own patch and certificate by earning **25 points** through doing activities listed below. The number of points required in each of the 5 basic areas is listed in the "points required" column. You can pick the things you think would be fun to do in each area! Have fun!

I. WHY RESERVOIRS?

POINTS
REQUIRED
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- ____ 1. Tell reasons why reservoirs were built in Indiana. (1 point each)
- ____ 2. Draw pictures of fun things you can do at this reservoir. (1 point each)
- ____ 3. Find a part of a **natural resource** at the reservoir that can be **renewed**. (1 point each)

II. YOU AND THE ENVIRONMENT 7

POINTS
REQUIRED

(Maximum of 3 points earned per section)

A. FORESTRY

- ___ 1. Collect and identify leaves of local trees and tell something about the tree or its leaves. (1 point each)
- ___ 2. Make bark rubbings of trees and identify. (1 point each rubbing)
- ___ 3. Color a Smokey Bear coloring sheet with natural materials. (1 point)

B. WILDLIFE

- ____ **1.** Identify Indiana mammals or birds (from pictures provided). (1 point each picture)
- ____ **2.** Look at a picture of a mammal and a picture of a bird. How are they different? (1 point for each set)

C. FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

- ____ **1.** Watch a movie/slide show about wildlife management. (1 point)
- ____ **2.** Name animals that can be hunted & what time of year it is legal to hunt them. (1 point each animal)
- ____ **3.** Name kinds of fish that may be caught in the reservoir you are visiting. (1 point each fish)

D. NATURE'S WAY

- ___ **1.** Put together the **Forest Circles** puzzle correctly. (1 point)
- ___ **2.** Find an animal home in the forest or meadow and draw a picture of it. (2 points)
- ___ **3.** What does the sun give us? (1 point)


III. IDNR AND NATURAL RESOURCE CAREERS

POINTS
REQUIRED
2

- ___ 1. What does **IDNR** stand for? (1 point)

- ___ 2. Draw a picture of a DNR employee at work. (1 point each)
- ___ 3. What does an interpreter do? (1 point each)

IV. HELPING TIME

 (1 point per 15 minutes)

V. PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

POINTS
REQUIRED
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Program Point Values:

5 points: Any program on natural history, cultural history, or resource management.

3 points: Any program on outdoor skills, safety, crafts, educational movies, or a scheduled recreation program.

PROGRAMS:

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